

Chamberlin Hall

Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

Charity number 273234

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Principal address

Chamberlin Hall
Chamberlin Close
Bildeston
Suffolk
IP7 7EZ

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year under review were:

Jayne Harrison
Elizabeth Moss
Susan Fell
George Miller

Committee members

The Committee members who served during the year under review were:

Neil McNamara
George Miller
Tracy Rose
Hayley Hynard
Fiona Mears
Eugene Smith

Structure, governance and management

Chamberlin Hall is governed under a trust deed dated 30th December 1978 and operates under a constitution adopted 8th March 2018.

Objects

A village hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Bildeston in the county of Suffolk, without distinction of political, religious or other opinions including use for meetings, lectures, classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants.

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Financial review

The charity endeavours to utilise the funds available to the best effect in the advancement of its objects.

The charity's objectives are:

- To provide the facility of a village hall and grounds for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Bildeston and surrounding areas.
- As such the village hall should seek to improve or enhance the conditions of life for those wishing to make use of it.
- These facilities shall include the provision of spaces for educational or recreational purposes in the form of meetings, lectures, classes, physical or social activities.
- The facilities are open to all, regardless of age, ability, gender, ethnicity, political or religious beliefs.
- To raise sufficient funds to facilitate the above and to maintain the property.

Achievements and performance

2024-25 has proved to be a reasonable year for Chamberlin Hall, despite a continued decline in support for community events.

This year has seen us maintain our hired bookings overall which is positive:

- We have lost our line dancing hire due to retirement and gained a yoga class as a result of working with Fit Villages and the Shaw Trust - who are now trialling the introduction of a coffee morning on a Wednesday.
- Private hires have increased marginally.
- This year we will see the end of the Ladies Club booking due to lack of support in managing and running the club – a sad trend we are seeing ourselves and in several other community clubs/initiatives.

Attendance at community events hosted by Chamberlin Hall continue to see a decline in support and whilst we continue to run our Wednesday Open Mic Night and Friday Social evenings, we have had to cancel some events.

Our relationship with Bildeston Bowls Club as an independent entity is working well and we have also supported the drama group through a move to become an independent group no longer affiliated to Chamberlin Hall.

The Committee have been working hard to maintain utilisation of assets, striving to save money by reducing overheads and making efficiency improvements. Most noticeably we are now seeing the benefits of investment in energy efficiency measures which has been greatly enhanced by the introduction of an energy management system. So whilst our income is down, our overheads have also reduced.

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In addition to activity within the hall, the Committee have:

- Continued to keep everything running
- Made efforts to improve out marketing activity
- Introduced an Energy Management System
- Have improved Health & Safety
- Continue to engage and collaborate with the Sports Pavilion, B-Natural and the Crown - trying to make the most of our collective resources!
- Application for EVP chargers for the village
- Secured and invested c. £25k in grant funding which has been spent on marketing and

Despite a challenging year, the Committee are proud of all the achievements made throughout this year and the continued contribution made to the community.

The report was approved by the trustees on


Jayne Harrison
Trustee

Susan Fell
Trustee



**Chamberlin Hall
Independent Examiner's Report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Chamberlin Hall

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Chamberlin Hall for the year ended 31 March 2025.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Matthew Aldous MAAT
The Laurel Partnership
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Chamberlin Hall
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2025

	2025			2024
	£			£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	71,500	-	71,500	48,940
Cash in hand	5,270	-	5,270	2,557
	<u>76,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,770</u>	<u>51,497</u>
Other current assets				
Bar stock	2,843	-	2,843	2,815
	<u>2,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,843</u>	<u>2,815</u>
Fixed Assets (at valuations)				
Fixtures fittings and equipment	133,272	53,325	186,597	176,152
	<u>133,272</u>	<u>53,325</u>	<u>186,597</u>	<u>176,152</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>212,885</u>	<u>53,325</u>	<u>266,210</u>	<u>230,464</u>

Notes

Chamberlin Hall is owned by Bildeston Parish Council for the benefit of the good people of Bildeston. Accordingly, it is not included within the charity accounts.

Fixtures fittings and equipment valued at trustee's estimated insurance value.

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Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025			2024
	£			£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Hall hire	23,224	-	23,224	13,417
Bar sales	29,663	-	29,663	37,305
Fundraising events	10,090	-	10,090	14,753
Bowls	134	-	134	1,450
Badminton	536	-	536	727
Snooker	660	-	660	810
Beer festival	5,925	-	5,925	9,697
Bonzo's yard membership	-	-	-	705
Grants	-	15,913	15,913	18,022
Charity collections	-	40	40	-
Donations	3,729	-	3,729	-
Indoor market	-	-	-	80
Pantomime	1,391	-	1,391	2,669
Total receipts	75,352	15,953	91,305	99,635
Payments				
Bar purchases	20,909	-	20,909	24,325
Bar staff	8,502	-	8,502	15,532
Fundraising events costs	964	500	1,464	3,500
Beer festival costs	3,603	-	3,603	5,788
Solar power project	-	-	-	18,317
Solar storage and heater project	132	9,313	9,445	-
Social Enterprise project	-	1,962	1,962	-
Sunday Fun days	-	1,594	1,594	-
Donations	250	40	290	-
Equipment purchases	1,000	-	1,000	1,030
Repairs and maintenance	3,344	-	3,344	10,645
Cleaning	120	-	120	197
Insurance	4,081	-	4,081	3,828
Light and heat	2,679	-	2,679	14,490
Rates and water	1,709	-	1,709	3,219
Licences	648	-	648	609
Software and subscriptions	541	-	541	317
Postage and stationery	94	-	94	363
Telephone	1,751	-	1,751	1,326
Miscellaneous	574	-	574	372
	50,901	13,409	64,310	103,858

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	2025			2024
	£			£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Management and administration				
Management and administration	696	-	696	828
Independent examiner fees	1,026	-	1,026	1,170
Total payments	52,623	13,409	66,032	105,856
Net (Payments)/receipts	22,729	2,544	25,273	(6,221)
Cash funds brought forward	51,497	-	51,497	57,718
Cash funds carried forward	74,226	2,544	76,770	51,497